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Koiwai et al.

Application No.: 10/001,397

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AND RETREAT FROM THE OPTICAL PATH
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RESULTING FROM MOVEMENT OF THE
LENS

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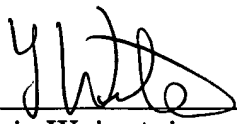
Applicants hereby claim foreign priority benefits based on Japanese application no. H8-326822 filed in Japan on November 28, 1996, under 35 U.S.C. 119(a), a certified copy of the priority document being on file with the U.S. Patent Office with the filing of the original application.

Applicant: Waldman et al.
Application No.: 10/001,397

Applicants respectfully request that the priority claim is entered and an office communication is issued verifying the same.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sir:

Further to the telephone interview with Examiner Thompson on May 9, 2006, enclosed please find an executed Supplemental Declaration for Reissue Patent Application to Correct "Errors" Statement.

Also enclosed is a claim for Convention Priority based on Japanese Priority Document H8-316822 filed November 28, 1996. A certified copy of the priority

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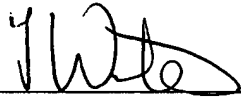
document is presently on file and Examiner Thompson advised that Applicant is not required to file another certified copy.

Applicants respectfully request that the Supplemental Declaration and the Japanese Priority Claim document be entered for the above-identified application.

It is submitted that the present application meets all requirements for Reissue and early reissuance is respectfully requested.

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